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FOR: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND :  
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE :  
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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated January 6, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.